(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) The details of the amount spent on revnovation and modernisation of Nursing Home and other Buildings by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during last three years is as follows :

CPWD (Civil)	Nrusing Home	Other Buildings
Under 4210	Rs. 19,20,827/-	Rs. 30,77,600/-
Under 2210	Rs. 5,17,483/-	Rs. 54,20,637/-
CPWD (Electrical)	Nil	Rs.4,65,959/-

The approval of compotent authority was obtained for execution of above works.

Regarding modernisation of the nursing home and other buildings, an ultra-sound machine and a cardiac monitor purchased under German Aid, through Procurement Cell of DGHS, were added in addition to other equipment supplied in various Department i.e. ICU, CCU, etc.

(c) There is no such report.

(d) Does not arise.

Shortage of Manpower

5655. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN :
SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence forces are facing deficiency in the field of Man Power and equipment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to tide over this contingency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The Government are conscious of the shortage of officer cadre in the Army and the need for strengthening and modernising of the equipment and weaponry of our armed forces.

(b)(i) The steps taken by the Government to address the problem of shortage of officers include introduction of University Entry Scheme, Direct entry of NCC 'C' certificate holders without going through the UPSC examination, enhanced recruitment of permanent Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned Officers, and introduction of women as officers in the service. A new scheme for induction of personnel below officer rank as commissioned officers has also been apporved. A campaign through the media for highlighting the advantages of a career in the army is also being launched.

(ii) The strengthing and modernisation of the weaponry of our Armed Forces is attended to by the Government on a continuing basis to maintain the required level of defence preparedness.

UGC Scale in Government Medical Colleges

5656. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for implementing the UGC scales of pay in Government Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to make jobs in medical service more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) University Grants Commission scales of pay have not been made applicable to the teaching cadre of medical colleges under the control of Central Government. Service matters of Central Health Service doctors including those in the teaching cadre of medical colleges, are reviewed from time to time and time-bound promotions have been allowed in the cadre.

Constitution of Empowered Committee by UGC

5657. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any empowered Committee has been constituted by the University Grants Commission to examine various issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.